

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. The classification for this offense, as for all crime index offenses, is based solely on police investigation, as opposed to the determination of a court, medical examiner, coroner, jury, or other judicial body. Not included in the count for this offense classification are death caused by negligence, suicide, or accident; justifiable homicides; and attempts to murder or assaults with the intent to murder, which are scored as aggravated assaults.

The dramatic fluctuation of murder rates in Cambridge has begun to level off as we head into the 21st century. As violent crime continues to decline across the country, murder rates will also plummet. Unfortunately, even one murder seems one too many considering the seriousness of the offense. Murder trends portend that murder rates may be deceiving in that there may be multiple murders within one incident. This tends to be especially true in domestic situations that turn fatal.

Murders are often indicative of an underlying social problem such as homelessness, family violence, gangs, and substance abuse. Trend analysis over the past decades points to three recurring murder scenarios in Cambridge. These three scenarios were identified in 1990 and remain true a decade later:

1. **Domestic** murder, in which an elderly female is brutally killed by her husband in a homicidal rage;
2. Arguments among the **homeless** that, often fueled by drugs or alcohol, escalate into deadly violence; and
3. The murder of young men by handguns or knives in **street** robberies or drug deals gone awry.

From 1981-1991, Cambridge averaged 9 murders per year. In the past decade, that average has dropped to 2 murders per year. Nationally, cities of around 100,000 residents average between five and six murders per year.

Since 1990, there have been 25 people murdered in the city of Cambridge. 14 of the victims were male (average age of 27), and 11 were female (average age of 46). A handgun was the murder weapon in ten of the incidents, and a knife was used in seven.

A table and map of murders since 1990 can be found in the following pages.

The following represents a detailed recap of murders reported in the last three years:

Father Charged in Daughter's Death

Shortly before 2:30 p.m. on January 7, 2001, Cambridge police and fire units responded to an apartment in Jefferson Park. When officers arrived, they found an eleven-month-old baby lying on the bed unresponsive and not breathing. The baby was transported to the hospital, but later died.

The baby's father, John Forbes of Roxbury had been watching the baby and her twin sister while their mother was at work. When emergency units arrived, Forbes stated that he had been feeding the twins oranges and that the infant in question had choked on an orange peel.

The medical examiner determined that the infant had died from massive trauma to her head. An autopsy determined that she had suffered brain and eye hemorrhaging consistent with "shaken baby" syndrome.

John Forbes was arrested and charged with the murder of his eleven-month-old daughter and was arraigned in Cambridge District Court on January 9, 2001.

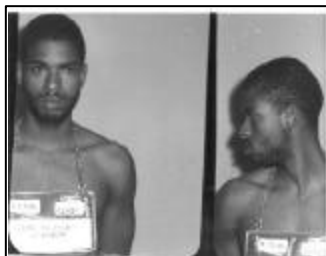
Arrest Made in Only 2000 Murder

7/6/00 arrest closed the case on murder in 2000

Cambridge experienced one murder in 2000. At 02:06 on February 6th, police responded to a call that someone had been shot in the leg at 101 Hampshire Street. Upon arrival, police found 33-year-old Jeffrey Williams in an upstairs bedroom with a gunshot to the chest. Williams, who resided in Cambridge, was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead just after 5:00 a.m.

It is believed that Williams had called his roommate that night, stating that he and woman that he was with had been arguing. Later, Williams walked the woman to her residence, and was shot inside her apartment. A suspect was seen running from 101 Hampshire Street around the time of the incident.

The suspect was soon identified as Frederick J. Howard, a 22-year-old man from Columbia Street in Cambridge, pictured here in an arrest photograph from 1998. On February 8, 2000, a warrant was issued for his arrest. Howard remained a fugitive until July 5, 2000, when Cambridge and State police responded to 11 Lincoln Street in Cambridge—only a few blocks from the murder site—on a tip that Howard was in the residence. Officers surrounded



the apartment, called Howard on the telephone, and ordered him to surrender. Howard made an attempt to flee via the roof, but he was spotted, coaxed to the ground, and arrested without

incident. He currently awaits trial.

Christmas Eve Murderer Captured

At 5:10 p.m. on December 24, 1999, a fight erupted between two groups of young males in the parking garage of the CambridgeSide Galleria. It is uncertain, but the men seemed to know each other and may have been gang members. During the brawl, one or two guns were pulled, and Gary M. Chatelain, a 20-year-old Haitian male from Roslindale with an extensive history of drug crimes and violent crimes in the Boston area, took a fatal shot to the chest. The gunshots sparked pandemonium in the garage as shoppers and members of the two groups fled.



On January 7, 2000, a warrant was issued for the arrest of Jose Nunes Correia, 19, of Dorchester, believed to be the shooter who struggled with Chatelain. Correia was soon added to the Cambridge Police Department's "Most Wanted" list.

Cambridge Homicide Detectives tracked Correia to several locations in New England before obtaining information that Correia was in Lisbon, Portugal. Detectives enlisted the help of Interpol and the Lisbon Police to arrest Correia. This capture dropped the Cambridge Police Department's "Most Wanted" list down to a mere five fugitives.

September 1999 Murder Stays Unsolved

After-hours shooting in Central Square leaves a youth worker dead

On Saturday, September 18, 1999, at 3:15 a.m., 30-year-old Collin Burton of Dorchester, with two

friends, stopped at Hi-Fi Pizza in Central Square after a night at the Hong Kong and the House of Blues. A green Ford Explorer pulled up outside the Hi-Fi. Burton had a conversation with the occupants, and then banged on the hood of the vehicle. The man in the passenger seat then fired through the open window, striking Burton once in the chest. Burton's friends rushed him to Boston Medical Center, where Burton died the following Monday. Burton's friends have cooperated with the investigation, but no arrests have been made and no warrants have been issued.

This murder has elevated fears of violence in Central Square, which has long been Cambridge's most prolific drug and robbery hot spot. Several drug related shootings in Area 4 were reported in the weeks preceding this murder.

Murder Across the State & Nation

In 2000, the United States reported 15,517 murders, a decrease of 3.1% from the 15,522 reported in 1999. This is the lowest national murder rate since 1965. Statistics for the nation's cities recorded a slight increase, but surprisingly, the increase was recorded in cities with populations of less than 10,000. Cities with populations over 250,000 experienced a decrease in murder rates.

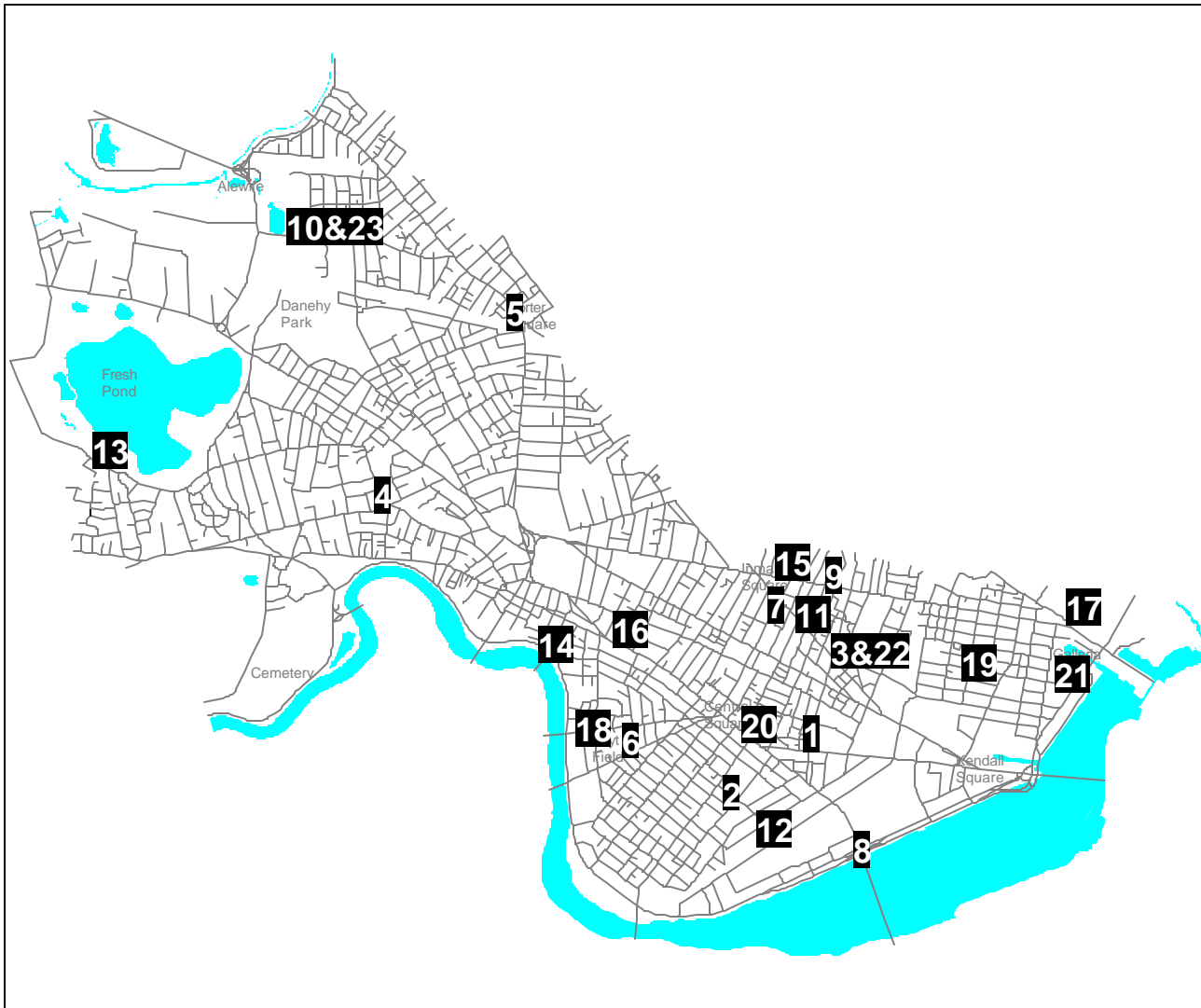
Of the nation's totals, males comprised 76% of murder victims (Cambridge records a slightly higher percentage of female victims due to the relatively low number of gang related homicides reported). 44% of all murder victims knew their offenders. Of that 44%, 13% of offenders were related to their victims.

Massachusetts experienced a 3% increase in murders in 2000 (122 in 1999 and 125 in 2000). Of Cambridge's surrounding cities, Boston reported 39 murders, Somerville reported 1 murder, and Arlington, Belmont, and Watertown reported 0 murders.

Only a few Massachusetts cities and towns reported more than one or two murders in 2000. Those reporting more than four are Boston (39), Springfield (8), Wakefield (7), Lowell (6), Lynn (5), and Worcester (5).

Murders in the Last Decade

The map and table below recapitulate the 23 incidents of murder—resulting in the deaths of 25 people—between 1990 and 2001. Seven of these murders are incidents of gang, drug, and gun violence involving young men; six are domestic and family violence killings; three are murders between homeless people; one stems from a store hold-up gone awry; one sprang from a heated argument in a fast food restaurant; and in five cases, the motivation or cause of the murder is unknown. Eight of these incidents have not been solved and are under investigation.



Map #	Date & Time	Location	Victim(s)	Offender(s)	Story	Status
1	1/25/90 01:00	Windsor St. & School St. (Area 4)	Jessie McKie, 21 and Rigoberto Carrion, 30, of Cambridge	Ventrey Gordon, 20, and Sean Lee, 21, of Mattapan.	McKie and Carrion were walking on the street when a group of men approached them. The men tried to steal McKie's leather jacket and stabbed both victims to death.	Gordon and Lee both convicted of murder. One other man convicted of accessory to murder. A fourth man tried and acquitted.
2	4/3/90 00:00 to 06:00	100 Pacific St. (Cambridgeport)	Jacqueline W. Blenman, 39, of Cambridge	Unknown	The victim was found strangled and dumped on the street.	Unsolved
3	3/15/91 23:00	97 Hampshire St. (Inman/Harrington)	Uri Woods, 29, of Cambridge	Unknown	The victim was shot to death on the street.	Unsolved

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4	4/4/91 20:58	Sparks St. & Brewster St. (West Cambridge)	Mary Joe Frug, 49, of Cambridge	A white male in his 20's in a black leather jacket	Frug was walking a few blocks from her residence when an unknown assailant stabbed her to death.	Unsolved
5	5/7/91	Porter Square (North Cambridge)	Derrick Chance, 24, of Cambridge	Courtney Lewis, 24, of Cambridge	The victim was slashed to death with a razor during an argument in a fast food restaurant.	Lewis was convicted of manslaughter.
6	9/29/91 03:30	16 Mildred Hamilton Pl. (Riverside)	Bobbie Schley, 45, of Cambridge	Morris King, 48, of Barbados	Schley was stabbed to death in an argument with King, her boyfriend.	King was convicted of murder.
7	12/5/91 15:00	162 Hampshire St. (Area 4)	Esther Olofson, 49, of Cambridge	Unknown	Olofson was reported missing by her friends and family. Her body was later found in her bed. She had apparently been strangled.	Unsolved
8	9/19/92 20:30	Massachusetts Av. & Memorial Dr. (MIT)	Yngye Raustein, 21, an MIT student	Shon McHugh, 16; Joseph Donovan, 17; and Alfredo Velez, 18, all of Cambridge	Raustein was stabbed to death in a robbery gone sour.	All three suspects were convicted of murder
9	11/28/92 00:30	Cambridge St. & Columbia St. (Inman/Harrington)	Tyrone Phoenix, 18, of Dorchester	Shawn Carter, 21, of Cambridge	Phoenix and other youths were driving in Cambridge. When they came to a stoplight, Carter came over and rapped on the window. After being told to get away from the car, he pulled out a pistol and started shooting.	Carter was convicted of murder
10	9/22/93 21:30	324 Rindge Ave. (North Cambridge)	Michael Garner, 23, of Cambridge	Three young black males	Michael Garner was walking home when three young black males confronted him and tried to rob him of his gold chains. The robbery went astray, and Garner was shot twice and killed.	Unsolved
11	9/25/93 19:30	160 Elm St. (Inman/Harrington)	Rosalie Whalen, 54, of Cambridge	Dennis Whalen, 54, of Cambridge	Whalen bludgeoned his wife to death with a hammer.	Whalen was convicted of murder
12	3/31/94 16:00	Rear of CASPAR shelter, 240 Albany St. (Cambridgeport)	Edward Semino	Unknown	The victim was beaten to death in a fight between homeless people.	Unsolved
13	1/24/95	700 Huron Ave. (Strawberry Hill)	Claire Downing, 60, of Cambridge	Ken Downing, 62, of Cambridge	Downing beat his wheelchair-bound wife to death with a blunt object.	Downing was tried and convicted of murder
14	5/30/95 08:00	Harvard University Dunster House (Riverside)	Trang Phuong Ho, 22, Harvard student	Sinedu Tadesse, Harvard student	After Ho told Tadesse she did not want to room with her the following year, Tadesse stabbed Ho to death and then hung herself.	Tadesse committed suicide.
15	8/9/95 15:30	304 Prospect St. (Inman/Harrington)	Lilia Fagundes, 42, owner of market	Black male, 15-16 years old, with a thin build	Fagundes was shot to death in her store, possibly in a robbery gone awry	Unsolved
16	11/22/96 18:40	1033 Massachusetts Ave. (Mid-Cambridge)	Laurence Cooper, 50s, a homeless veteran	Richard Kachadorian, 50, of Cambridge	Kachadorian stabbed Cooper in the throat and chest during a street argument.	Kachadorian was tried and convicted of murder
17	3/26/97 01:25	East Street trailer yards (East Cambridge)	Helena Gardner, 19, homeless	Nicole Fernandes, 19, homeless; Randy Williams, homeless; Mark McCray, homeless	Fernandes lured Gardner, with the promise of a drink, to an abandoned trailer. Fernandes bound Gardner to a chair, whipped her with a metal rod and rose thorns, and then bludgeoned her to death with a sledgehammer before setting the trailer on fire. The two men watched.	Fernandes and Williams convicted of murder. McCray awaits trial.

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18	8/19/97 20:55	Hoyt Field (Riverside)	Benny Rosa, 19, of Cambridge	Anthony Cole, 20, and Craig Joseph, 25, of Boston	Cole and Joseph encountered each other in Hoyt Field and fired on each other. Rosa was caught in the crossfire. Two others were wounded.	Cole convicted of murder. Joseph fled and was caught in New York City in 1999. He awaits trial.
19	10/16/98 10:56	157 Fifth St. (East Cambridge)	Joseph Beranger, 64, and Mary Beranger, 64, of California	John J. Hinds, 56, of Cambridge	Hinds and his half-brother, Joseph, and sister were involved in an on-going dispute over their mother and her residence. At the time of the incident, Joseph and his wife Mary were on their way to see their mother. Hinds got there first, an argument ensued, and Hinds shot his sister in the head. Then he fatally shot Joseph and Mary Beranger.	Hinds awaits trial.
20	9/18/99 03:15	496 Massachusetts Ave. (Cambridgeport)	Colin Burton, 30, of Dorchester	2 or more black males in a Ford Explorer	Burton and two friends stopped at Hi-Fi Pizza in Central Square. A green Ford Explorer pulled up outside the restaurant. While Burton was talking with the occupants, he banged on the hood of the vehicle. The man in the passenger seat fired through the open window, striking Burton once in the chest. Burton died the following Monday.	Under active investigation
21	12/23/99 17:10	CambridgeSide Galleria parking garage (East Cambridge)	Gary M. Chatelain, 20, of Roslindale	Jose N. Correia, 20, of Roxbury	Chatelain and Correia, known to each other, were part of two groups involved in a fight in the garage. Correia shot Chatelain in the chest.	Correia arrested in Portugal by Interpol and local police.
22	7/6/2000 02:06	101 Hampshire St. (Inman/ Harrington)	Jeffrey Williams, 33, of Cambridge	Fredrick J. Howard, 22, of Cambridge	Police responded to a call that someone had been shot in the leg at 101 Hampshire St. Once on scene Williams was found shot in the chest and died later at Mass General Hospital. A suspect identified as Howard was seen running away from the scene. The victim had called a friend stating that the man and woman he was out with were arguing and that he had escorted the woman back to her residence.	Awaiting trial.
23	1/7/2001 14:30	Jefferson Park (North Cambridge)	11-month old female	John Forbes, 30, of Roxbury	Cambridge police and fire units responded to an apartment in Jefferson Park. When officers arrived, they found an eleven-month-old baby lying on the bed unresponsive and not breathing. The baby was transported to the hospital, but later died. The baby's father, John Forbes of Roxbury stated that the baby had choked on an orange peel. The medical examiner determined that the infant had died from massive trauma to her head, consistent with "shaken baby" syndrome.	Awaiting trial

